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CIA CHIEF OUTLINES EFFORT TO AID 3rd WORLD
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The Central Intelligence Agency is trying to help developing countries solve their economic problems in a new approach to competing with the Soviet Union for influence, William J. Casey, the Director of Central Intelligence, said today.

''This country's strategy in the third world must go beyond supporting freedom fighters,'' he said.

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In remarks for delivery in Atlanta, Mr. Casey said the C.I.A. , in conjunction with the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, is designing a program for Central America.

The program seeks to find peat deposits in Panama and Costa Rica for use in energy generation; locate geothermal drilling sites to generate electricity and industrial steam in Costa Rica, Honduras and Guatemala; help all Central American governments except Nicaragua in energy planning, and conduct mineral studies in Costa Rica.